

## SCHOOL OWNED VEHICLES

### PURPOSE

The purpose of Policy EBBA is to establish a requirement that the Nantucket Public Schools purchase fuel efficient vehicles for school use whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable.

### GUIDELINES

An annual vehicle inventory for all vehicles shall be maintained, and a plan for replacing any non-exempt vehicles with vehicles that meet, at a minimum, the fuel efficiency ratings contained in the most recent guidance for Criterion 4 published by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources' Green Communities Division shall be maintained.

The Nantucket Public Schools shall check the Green Communities Division's Guidance for Criterion 4 for updates prior to ordering replacement vehicles.

In addition, when replacing exempt vehicles, the function of the vehicle will be reviewed for potential replacement with a more fuel-efficient vehicle, including a fuel-efficient non-exempt vehicle.

This review shall be performed by the Superintendent, or his/her designee(s) requesting the replacement.

### DEFINITIONS

**Combined city and highway MPG (EPA Combined Fuel Economy):** Combined Fuel Economy means the fuel economy from driving a combination of 43 percent city and 57 percent highway miles and is calculated as follows:  $=1/((0.43/\text{city MPG})+(0.57/\text{highway MPG}))$ .

**Drive System:** The manner in which mechanical power is directly transmitted from the drive shaft to the wheels. The following codes are used to indicate Drive Systems:

- AWD = All wheel drive: 4-wheel drive automatically controlled by the vehicle power train system.
- 4WD = 4-wheel drive: driver selectable 4-wheel drive with 2-wheel drive option.
- 2WD = 2-wheel drive.

**Heavy-Duty Vehicle:** A vehicle with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of more than 8,500 pounds.

### INVENTORY

In order to maintain efficient driving practices before, during, and after procuring fuel-efficient vehicles, the Superintendent, or his/her designee(s), shall maintain, in coordination with the Town and County, a vehicle inventory list (attachment A) including the following information, which shall be updated on an annual basis and provided to the Green Communities Division:

Model	Make	Model Year	Year/month Purchased	Drive System: 2 WD, 4WD or AWD	> 8500 pounds? (Y or N)	Exempt or non- exempt	MPG Rating	Vehicle Function

Note: The Nantucket Public Schools may use EPA combined MPG estimates or actual combined MPG.

**QUESTIONS/ENFORCEMENT**

All other inquiries should be directed to the staff responsible for fleet management and/or fleet procurement. This policy shall be enforced by the Superintendent and/or designee(s).